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In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of 73.202(b) )  
Table of Allotments )  
FM Broadcast Stations )  
(Tignall, GA) )

Docket No. 02- \_\_\_\_\_

To: John Karousos  
Asst. Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Georgia-Carolina Radiocasting Co., LLC respectfully submits this **Petition for Rule Making**, which seeks to amend the FM Table of Allotments so as to allocate channel 244A to Tignall, GA, as that community's first local aural service.

DISCUSSION

Attached to this Petition is an engineering report, which confirms that the proposed change to the FM Table of Allotments could be made consistent with FCC rules. See Appendix A hereto.

Adoption of the proposed amendment to the Table of Allocations would serve the public interest by affording the community of Tignall, GA with its first local aural service. See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1992).

The incorporated city of Tignall, GA qualifies as a "community" for purposes of the FCC's FM allocation rules. As the FCC has found in numerous similar cases, the city has its own post office/zip code and is governed by an elected Mayor and council. It is officially a Census Designated Place, with a population of 653 persons (2000 Census). It has its own police and fire de-

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partments, a library, five churches, its own sewer and water service, and several business establishments. It is deserving of an allotment. See, e.g., Ten Sleep, WY, Docket No. 98-97, Report and Order, released August 4, 2000 (Census population of 311 persons); Kaycee & Basin, WY, Docket No. 98-87, Report and Order, released July 28, 2000 (Census population of 256 persons); Wamsutter & Bairoil, WY, Docket No. 98-86, Report and Order, released July 14, 2000 (Census population of 240 persons); Everglades City, FL, Docket No. 97-116, Report and Order, released June 2, 2000 (Census population of 321).

Finally, should the requested allocation be made, Petitioner will file an application and, if granted a construction permit, will promptly build the new facility.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix A

**ENGINEERING STATEMENT  
IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

**May 13, 2002**

**Georgia-Carolina Radiocasting Co., Inc.  
FM Channel 244A □ 96.7 MHz  
Tignall, Georgia**



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## **ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

The information and data contained within this engineering statement were prepared on behalf of Georgia-Carolina Radiocasting Co., LLC, in support of a Petition for Rule Making. The petitioner proposes to amend the FM Table of Allotments, 47 C.F.R. § 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, by allotting Channel 244A to Tignall, Georgia.

### **I. TIGNALL, GEORGIA**

Tignall is an incorporated community located within Wilkes County, Georgia. The 2000 U.S. Census population of Tignall was 653 persons. The 2000 U.S. Census population of Wilkes County was 10,687 persons, an increase of 0.8 percent from the 1990 U.S. Census population.

Tignall has been assigned Postal ZIP Code 30668 by the U.S. Postal Service. The city has no aural broadcast services. The Bureau of the Census centroid geographic coordinates of Tignall, referenced to the North American Datum of 1927, are:

North Latitude: 33 degrees, 52 minutes, 00 seconds  
West Longitude: 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 28 seconds

Because of station WLTY(FM) on Channel 244C3 at Cayce, South Carolina, a site restriction is required for the Channel 244A allotment at Tignall. At a point corresponding to the following geographic coordinates, which is 9.7 kilometers northwest of Tignall, the Channel 244A allotment can be made at Tignall in compliance with the minimum distance separation requirements 47 C.F.R. § 73.207.

North Latitude: 33 degrees, 55 minutes, 40 seconds  
West Longitude: 82 degrees, 48 minutes, 58 seconds

From these reference geographic coordinates, Channel 244A is fully-spaced to all FCC assignments, allotments and proposals contained within the latest *FCC CDBS Database*. Figures one and two show the relative locations of Wilkes County within the State of Georgia, and of the community of Tignall within Wilkes County. Figures three and four show the incorporated community limits of Tignall, the permissible fully-spaced area for Channel 244A, and the proposed allotment reference site.



## II. MINIMUM SPACING REQUIREMENTS

The following table lists the nearest assignments and allocations currently on file with the required distance separations for Channel 244A.

As required by § 73.207 all minimum distance separation requirements are met from the Channel 244A allotment reference site proposed for Tignall. All distances were computed by the methods outlined in § 73.208(c) of the Commission's Rules and were rounded to the nearest kilometer in accordance with § 73.208(c)(8).

ALLOCATION-PERTINENT STATIONS AND SPACING REQUIREMENTS OF § 73.207					
CALL LETTERS	CHANNEL /CLASS	NORTH LATITUDE	WEST LONGITUDE	ACTUAL DISTANCE	REQUIRED DISTANCE
WKLS	241-C	33° 48' 27"	84° 20' 26"	142. Km	95. Km
WKSP	242-C2	33° 41' 10"	81° 55' 43"	86	55
WJIZ-FM	242-C1	31° 39' 16"	84° 10' 36"	282	75
WJCL-FM	243-C	32° 03' 30"	81° 20' 20"	249	165
WYNF	243-C3	32° 58' 31"	83° 47' 59"	140	89
WYZK	244-C2	30° 50' 41"	83° 21' 33"	346	166
WBZT-FM	244-A	34° 55' 16"	82° 24' 05"	117	115
WLTY	244-C3	34° 01' 54"	81° 08' 27"	155	142
WLTY	244-C3	33° 59' 34"	81° 16' 54"	142	142
WKKT	245-C	35° 31' 57"	80° 47' 47"	257	165
WAKB	245-C3	33° 15' 33"	82° 17' 09"	89	89
WFOX	246-C	34° 07' 32"	83° 51' 32"	99	95
WAEV	247-C	32° 03' 30"	81° 20' 20"	249	95
WJMZ-FM	297-C	34° 42' 06"	82° 36' 20"	88	29
WNKT	298-C	33° 05' 11"	80° 22' 33"	245	29
WJZZ-FM	298-C3	33° 55' 54"	84° 20' 43"	141	12

## III. CONCLUSIONS

The results of this study demonstrate that the FM Table of Allotments in § 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules may be amended in technical compliance with all applicable spacing rules. Therefore, the Petitioner, Georgia-Carolina Radiocasting Co., LLC, respectfully requests the following change to the Table:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>
Tignall, GA		—

<u>CITY</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>
Tignall, GA		244A

The petitioner asserts that, upon allotment of Channel 244A to Tignall and the opening of a filing window for new applications, an application for construction permit to build a new Class A facility will be filed promptly to serve Tignall, Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Consulting Engineer to the Petitioner**  
**May 13, 2002**





Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area

2° 00' 00" Graticule Spacing





**FIGURE 2**  
**INCORPORATED LIMITS OF TIGNALL**  
**COUNTY OF WILKES**  
**GEORGIA-CAROLINA BROADCASTING CO., LLC**  
**TIGNALL, GEORGIA**

**CENTER OF MAP:**  
N LAT 33° 48' 35.00"  
W LON 82° 37' 28.00"  
Scale 1 : 290,038

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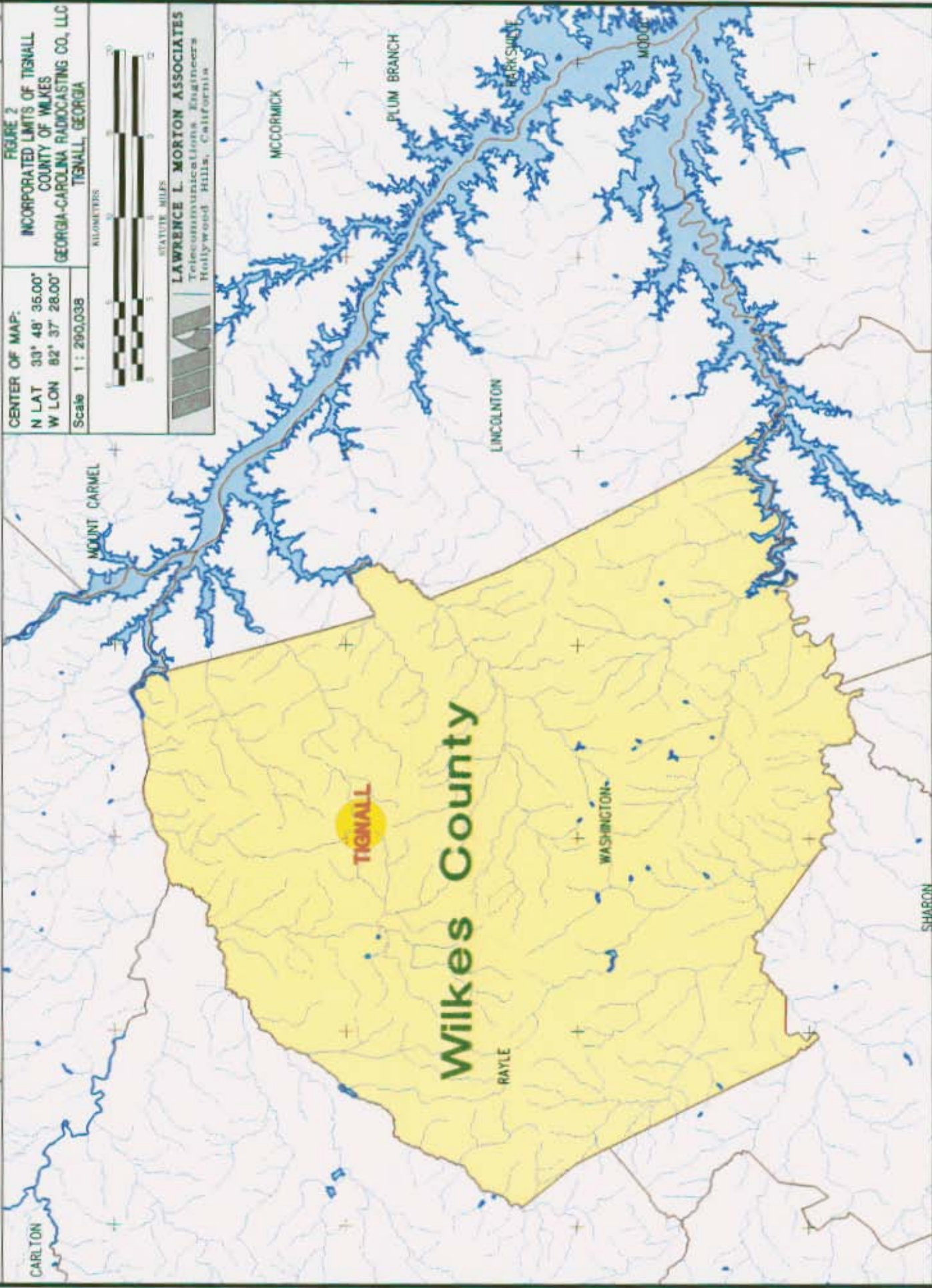




FIGURE 3

CENTER OF MAP:

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W LON 82° 37' 28.00"

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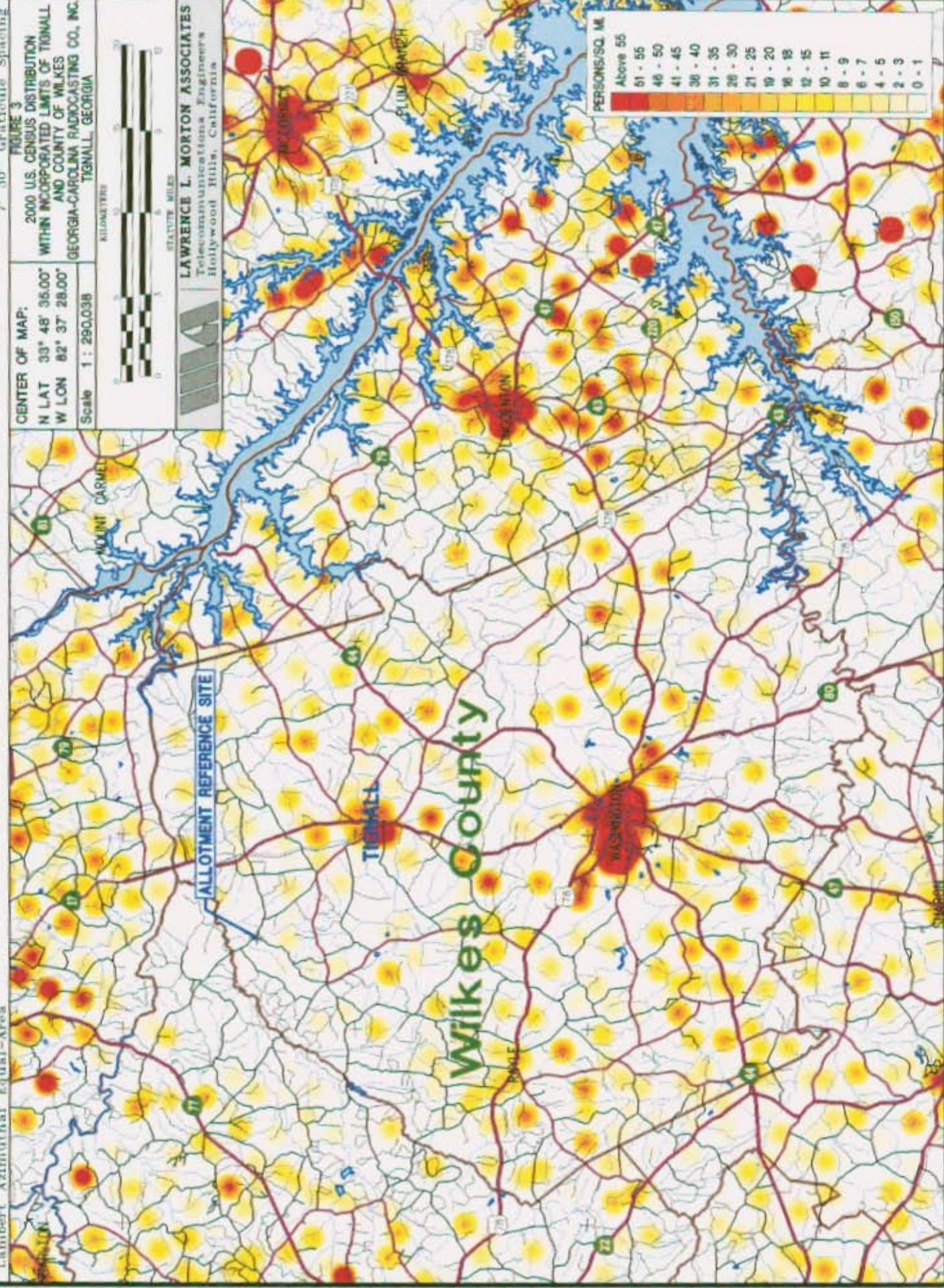
2000 U.S. CENSUS DISTRIBUTION  
WITHIN INCORPORATED LIMITS OF TIGNALL  
AND COUNTY OF WILKES  
GEORGIA-CAROLINA BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
TIGNALL, GEORGIA

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**FIGURE 4**  
**FULLY-SPACED PERMISSIBLE**  
**AREA TO LOCATE FM CHANNEL 244A**  
**GEORGIA-CAROLINA BROADCASTING CO., INC.**  
**TIGNALL, GEORGIA**

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